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## ERHS Soccer Star Vies for Spot on Zambian World Cup Roster

by Patrick Gleason

Some of the best soccer players in the world will convene in Australia and New Zealand for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup this summer. The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team will start their campaign on July 21 against Vietnam, while the Zambian squad will face Japan the following day. For fans of Prince George's County soccer, the latter matchup may be the more significant game. Inonge Kaloustian, a 2017 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate who now helps coach the Raiders' varsity team, is one of 42 players vying for the 23 spots on the Zambian roster, which will be finalized after a friendly international match in Ireland this June. She could join 2007 Roosevelt alumna Yewande Balogun – who is competing for a spot on the Nigerian national team – in Australia.

While Kaloustian's skills and hard work have expanded her world, her roots always return her to Prince George's County. A three-year varsity starter while at Roosevelt, Kaloustian led the Raiders to a state semi-final berth as a sophomore and led the county in goals as a senior. She also played basketball all four years,



PHOTO BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA

Kaloustian competes at a Zambian National Team practice prior to their trip to South Korea.

while playing club soccer for Coach Rob Kurtz at Maryland Rush. She found a college home with Coach Brie Smith at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. Smith praised Kaloustian as a person "coaches all dream of" because of "her ability to bring

people together." Most importantly, Smith believes that because Kaloustian is "not afraid of challenges" – like traveling halfway across the world for an uncertain opportunity – she is a remarkable

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## Governor Asks for Disaster Declaration Over Blue Catfish

by Karl Blankenship



PHOTO BY DAVID HARP

Blue catfish were introduced into Virginia rivers in the 1970s and rapidly expanded into most Bay tributaries. They can be significant predators, especially when they reach larger sizes, raising concerns about their impact on other fish, crabs and river ecosystems.

Citing an "ongoing commercial fishery disaster" caused by blue catfish and other nonnative species, Maryland Governor Wes Moore is asking the federal government for fishery disaster assistance.

In a letter to U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Moore cited growing concern that the population "explosion" of blue catfish, flathead catfish and snakeheads is threatening the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and commercial fish populations.

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All three of the species are predators that can grow to large sizes. Blue catfish are a particular concern because they have spread through many of Maryland's tidal Bay tributaries in recent years as their numbers and range have grown especially fast.

In some parts of Virginia's James River, where blue catfish were introduced in the 1970s, they account for 75 percent of fish biomass and can outcompete

## What Goes On

Monday, April 17

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: 7010 Greenbelt Road, Municipal Building

Wednesday, April 19

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession: Public Works/Capital Projects, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov) for more information.

## Maryland Legislators Urge GSA To Bring FBI to Prince George's

With unanimous bipartisan support, the Maryland Senate recently passed Joint Resolution 5 (SJ5) urging the General Services Administration (GSA) to relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters to Prince George's County. SJ5 received support from all 47 Senators; an identical resolution was passed in the House of Delegates. Greenbelt is one of two proposed locations within the county for the FBI headquarters.

"Prince George's County is at the forefront of promoting a more diverse and inclusive economy through thoughtful and strategic economic development," said resolution sponsor Senator Alonzo Washington. "The county's highly skilled workforce, proximity to several world class academic and research institutions, easy access to transit and commitment to environmental sustainability make Prince George's the ideal location

for the new FBI headquarters." The Maryland General Assembly has already set aside \$100 million to develop the area around the new FBI site, if a site in the county is selected.

The Prince George's House and Senate delegations, Prince George's County Municipal Association, Maryland Association of Counties, Maryland Municipal League and the NAACP have also sent letters of support for the FBI relocating to Maryland.

"This is an issue of racial equity – our community has been historically underserved," said Washington. "The General Assembly stands united in calling on the federal government to bring more jobs, sustainable development and economic opportunity to Maryland with the relocation of the FBI to Prince George's County."

*News release from Sen. Alonzo Washington, April 7, 2023.*

## Council Debates Trees and Trails: Talks Trees, Roots and Leaves

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 28 (apart from the budget, which is dealt with in a separate story), was dominated by Greenbelt's trees, which is appropriate as Greenbelt is a designated Tree City and April is the month of Arbor Day.

Charles Jackman, representing the city's volunteer Advisory Committee on Trees, thanked council for its support for the urban canopy of Greenbelt. Arbor Day, he announced, will be celebrated with a tree planting near the entrance to Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. He spoke of the tragic demise of the mighty longleaf pine that had long stood in that spot.

The giant tree, a designated county and state champion tree, was struck by lightning in October 2021, succumbing to



Along the Canyon Creek Trail, which starts on Ridge Road between Laurel Hill Road and Plateau Place

its injuries some months later. A bald cypress will be planted in its stead plus 14 others: six

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PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLON

Children enjoy the Greenbelt tradition of the underwater egg hunt. More pictures, p. 12

## News Review Abroad



The News Review traveled with Linda Curtis to the most western part of Continental Europe in Cabo da Roca, Portugal.



Carol Griffith took the News Review to the Alhambra in Granada, Spain.



-News Review, May 4, 2017

## Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

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Electronically, that is.

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### On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

#### Mafia Mamma

An American suburban woman, Kristin (Toni Collette), has a son who wants to leave college, a boss who is a sexist pig and she caught her unsuccessful musician husband cheating with a groupie. Then she inherits her grandfather's mafia empire in Italy. Guided by the firm's consigliere (Monica Bellucci), Kristin hilariously defies everyone's expectations as the new head of the family business.

#### Air

From award-winning director Ben Affleck, Air reveals the game-changing partnership between a then-rookie Michael Jordan and Nike's fledgling basketball division which revolutionized the world of sports and contemporary culture with the Air Jordan brand. This moving story follows the career-defining gamble of an unconventional team with everything on the line, the uncompromising vision of a mother who knows the worth of her son's immense talent and the basketball phenom who would become the greatest of all time.

#### Superman

Just before the destruction of the planet Krypton, scientist Jor-El (Marlon Brando) sends his infant son Kal-El on a spaceship to Earth. Raised by kindly farmers Jonathan (Glenn Ford) and Martha Kent (Phyllis Thaxter), young Clark (Christopher Reeve) discovers the source of his superhuman powers and moves to Metropolis to fight evil. As Superman, he battles the villainous Lex Luthor (Gene Hackman), while, as novice reporter Clark Kent, he attempts to woo co-worker Lois Lane (Margot Kidder). The film blends humor and gravitas, taking advantage of the perfectly cast Christopher Reeve to craft a loving, nostalgic tribute to an American pop culture icon.

#### Dazed and Confused

This coming-of-age film follows the mayhem of a group of rowdy teenagers in Austin, Texas, celebrating the last day of high school in 1976. The graduating class heads for a popular pool hall and joins an impromptu keg party, but star football player Randall "Pink" Floyd (Jason London) has promised to focus on the championship game and abstain from partying. Meanwhile, the incoming freshmen try to avoid being hazed by the seniors, most notably the sadistic bully Fred O'Bannon (Ben Affleck). Featuring an excellent ensemble cast, a precise feel for the 1970s and a killer soundtrack, the film is a funny, affectionate and clear-eyed look at high school life.



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**APRIL 14TH - APRIL 20TH**

#### Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

##### **Mafia Mamma (R) (CC)**

(DVS) (2023) (101 mins)

Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM

Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM

Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM

Mon. 2:30 PM, 5:00 PM

Tues. 7:00 PM

Wed. 7:00 PM

Thurs. 5:30 PM

##### **Superman (PG) (1978)**

(127 mins)

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Sat. 1:00 PM

##### **Dazed and Confused (R)**

(1993) (95 mins)

Thurs. 8:00 PM

#### Screen 2 - The Screening Room

##### **Air (R) (CC) (DVS)**

(2023) (112 mins)

Fri. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM

Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM

Sun. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM

Mon. 2:45 PM (OC), 5:15 PM

Tues. 7:15 PM

Wed. 7:15 PM

Thurs. 7:45 PM

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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# Community Events

## Workday for Restoring Woodland Parcel I

Help with planting for the benefit of fireflies, butterflies and birds. The GHI Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. Meet by the playground next to McDonald Field, 7 Court Southway. Join in the effort to control invasive English ivy and wisteria. Volunteers will be cutting out sections from vines that are climbing trees. This will help protect the trees, control the spread of invasive species and enhance habitat for pollinators, birds and other wildlife. GHI Parcel I (eye) is located between McDonald Field, B-W Parkway and 7-9-11 Courts Southway.

Tools and gloves are provided, along with guidance on identifying and controlling invasive vines, while also recognizing and protecting native vines, such as wild grape. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing for outdoor work, including areas with multiflora rose and greenbriar which have thorns. For further information email bryanbruns@yahoo.com.



## Gardening Angels Sit Down for Pot Parties

Retirees and telecommuters who want an outdoor lunch break are invited to pot up wildflower seedlings on Tuesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., weather permitting. Meet in the small parking lot adjacent to 8 Court Laurel Hill Road and work at tables set on the paved surface. Come help to nurture butterflies and birds by propagating native plants. Bring a pair of gloves, and if available, a card table and folding chair(s). For more information, email SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

## Pre-K Bilingual Story Time: Books, Bubbles

On Friday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) and Greenbelt Library staff will present engaging lively stories and activities for children ages newborn to 5 and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly bilingual program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature.

After the readings, children can stay and play with balls in the gym. Free children's books and healthy nutritious snacks will be distributed. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8072101.

### Libros, Bolas, Burbujas

El viernes, 14 de abril, a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo del Lago Springhill, RUAK (Random Acts of Kindness) con el sistema conmemorativo de bibliotecas del condado de Prince George's presentará interesantes historias y actividades animadas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar la educación temprana y habilidades de alfabetización. Este programa bilingüe mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta para los niños para inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse a jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Libros infantiles y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos serán gratis.

## Greenbelt Writers Hold Monthly Poetry Meeting

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt writers are welcome to attend.

April is National Poetry Month and the group encourages writers to compose a new poem or read one of their completed poems. Nonpoets can bring a poem from a favorite author. Anyone can also bring copies of the selected poem to share. For more information, email Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.

## Reel and Meal Shows Film on the Golden Rule

Veterans for Peace is sailing around Turtle Island in the historic Golden Rule to buoy our collective conscience of the nuclear threat and to cascade our collective resolve toward clean water for Mother Earth and all her children. Join the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café on Monday, April 17, 7 p.m. for a screening of Making Waves: Rebirth of the Golden Rule, a documentary about the historic peace sailboat, the Golden Rule.

Originally launched in 1958, the Golden Rule was built to sail into the nuclear test zone of the Marshall Islands to protest nuclear weapons. Veterans for Peace has restored the boat and is on another exciting journey for peace and disarmament in the world. The film chronicles this history and documents the boat's protest of the U.S. Navy's air and sea show in San Diego in 2017.

The Golden Rule sailed into Maryland on April 1 and will be in the D.C. metro area through April 17. Follow their journey live at share.garmin.com/goldenrule.

The film program is free. A full dinner menu is also available at the Café, which includes a number of vegan meal options. Mask wearing is optional for those attending the event in person. Those wishing to view the film online, register with the Zoom link tinyurl.com/ReelMealApr17 and log on at 6:45 p.m. on Monday.

The program starts at 7 p.m. The Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café is a monthly film and discussion series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, presented by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition.



## GCC Bee Drive, Fair, Donations

Bees are coming to Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ and the public is invited to join the hive. On Sunday, April 23 from 3 to 5 p.m., GCC will host a Heifer Project fair to have fun, raise money and raise awareness. Fundraisers include beeswax candle craft and a honey-focused bake sale. In addition there will be free exhibits, puzzles and other activities, as well as a hive from the Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association (weather permitting).

## Democrats Focus On Union Problems

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's membership meeting will be held Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Local Plumbers & Gasfitters Union Hall, 5000 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham.

For more information or help with the location visit the club at rooseveltclub.com. Since this meeting is outside of Greenbelt, attendees should try to carpool.



## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, April 15 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Mars, plus galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome and there is no charge. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes to set up on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 9 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

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BY KATORI HALL

Directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell  
Produced by Pamela Northrup

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**THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station**  
Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)

**Twisp: The Power of Community (2019)**

**Victory Swim (2019)**

Join us for this double feature of Utopia Film Festival selections! Twisp: The Power of Community, a documentary about the people and values that make the town of Twisp a thriving community. Following this, a documentary about love and perseverance: Victory Swim. After his aunt is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Adam Ellenstein attempts a record-setting 65-mile swim to honor her.

Music from the New Deal Cafe (2pm, 10pm)

**Sofia Talvik**

Folk / Americana with Swedish roots; a mystifying blend of both sparkle and melancholy.

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/GreenbeltAccessTV) for new video productions.

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MON 4/17	TUES 4/18	WED 4/19	TH 4/20	MON - FRI
<b>Chess Club*</b> 6-8pm <b>Reel &amp; Meal Monthly film series*</b> 7-9pm	<b>NDC Open Mic w/ Joey Campfire</b> 7-9:30pm Sign-in's at 6:30pm <b>Express Yourself!</b>	<b>Pub Quiz</b> 7-9pm Come out and test your knowledge!	<b>The Bachelor &amp; the Bad Actress, w/ Professor Goldstein</b> 6-9pm All-original acoustic fun!	<b>Happy Hour</b> 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

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**\* For more information, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.**

## COUNCIL continued from page 1

serviceberry, four eastern redbud and four flowering dogwoods. As Mayor Emmett Jordan noted, all the trees to be planted are native or well-adapted.

Jackman also reminded council that last year's July windstorm leveled a large number of trees and that the city and the Committee on Trees plan to support the planting of more replacements. He and Jordan reminded attendees that the City of Greenbelt has an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant to replace damaged trees. The funds can be used to purchase and plant new trees or to take measures to protect them and is open to individuals and businesses.

### Erosion Study

Donna Hoffmeister introduced a team of participants requesting a grant from the city's Ecology Fund. The fund sets aside \$2,000 annually for projects to support research on and support to the city's 255-acre Forest Preserve that has, since 2003, been kept in a natural state.

Hoffmeister described the problem of erosion and introduced former University of Maryland professor Catherine Plaisant who gave a short presentation on behalf of Professor Karen Prestegaard from the University of Maryland. The project aims to understand the mechanisms involved in the ongoing erosion and deeply incised channels in the Preserve. The team, which has done recent relevant work in Greenbelt Park, comprises Prestegaard and a graduate student who will work on it as a final thesis project. The grant will support purchasing equipment to measure water flow and collect and analyze soil samples. An initial report will be delivered by the end-of-June deadline with a final report in December. There is no impact on the Preserve as all samples are very small.

Council voted unanimously to fund the project.

### Northway Trails Redesign

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board's Damien Ossi spoke of a trouble spot on the two trails leading off Northway where there is also severe erosion. Both trailheads start off flat but then go precipitously down into the valley, where the hill is steepest. The steep portion of the trails is eroded, with the most severe effect on the eastern trail. A report was made about eight years ago without a recommendation for action at that time, but the erosion has become worse.

Ossi described the proposal: Close the eroded areas and reroute around the steep and eroded sections to replace access to these popular trails. He described a process of using woody materials to fill in the old paths and hand tools to make the new trail without removing trees. The project would use natural materials and noninvasive plant species.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts wondered what would keep a new trail from eroding as well. Roberts noted that the western trail was made after the creation of the Preserve by a group of University of Maryland mountain bikers and he considers it "illegitimate." Roberts feared the new trail would simply make a

new problem and also that walkers would likely just continue to use the old familiar trail instead.

At Councilmember Kristen Weaver's prompting, Ossi explained to Roberts and council that modern trail design tilts the trail slightly to allow water to flow off the side of the trail instead of coursing down it, reducing erosion on the trail. Ossi said definitively, "You can't fix a trail that goes straight down the hill" and referred to numerous consultations with trail design groups by city staffer Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll to determine a successful approach. Ossi referred to the success that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. had in rerouting a section of the Canyon Creek Trail, in the forest between Laurel Hill Road and Plateau Place, that had become badly eroded. He said that the original trail is now almost invisible, having been filled in with woody debris, while the replacement route is in regular use by walkers.

Jordan requested a tour of the trail for interested council-members and the public to better inform them prior to taking a vote at the next meeting – and that course of action was agreed upon.

## Book Project Volunteers Needed

Resident Laurence Hawkins attended the March 28 council meeting to announce that he is looking for Greenbelt volunteers for a reading project. He wants to record individuals from age 16 to "600" reading chapters from a book from the 1790s, documenting their reactions as they read. He tantalizingly presented the book as an autobiography that received wide acknowledgment in its day, having been presented to Parliament in England and read in many other countries. The project is designed for release in February 2024 as part of Black History Month. Watch out for Hawkins' flyers around the city for details for a late April or early May kickoff.



## Mishkan Torah Offers Shabbat Dinner

Join Mishkan Torah in person for a family-friendly potluck Shabbat dinner on Friday, April 14 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend, and it is free. Bring a vegetarian dish to share. Email membership@mishkantorah.org for more information.



Condolences to the family and friends of Greenbelt pioneer, Outstanding Citizen and longtime News Review staffer Kathleen McFarland, who died on Tuesday, April 11.

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John 3:16



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## Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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# City Information & Events

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## MEETINGS FOR APRIL 17-21

Monday, April 17 at 6:45 pm, **CLOSED SESSION - CANDIDATES FOR CITY MANAGER POSITION**

Monday, April 17 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - 7010 GREENBELT RD**

Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Approve January Minutes, Council Liaison Update, Recreation Department Update, Administrative Report, Adjourn

Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, On the Agenda: Formation of Formal Governance Structure, Administrative Items, Open Meeting to Public Comments, Wrap-Up

Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, On the Agenda: Approve April 5 Minutes, Introduction of Assistant Director of Planning Jaime Fearer AICP, Detailed Site Plan for 7010 Greenbelt Road, Staff Updates, Adjourn

Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PUBLIC WORKS/CAPITAL PROJECTS**

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltd.gov](http://greenbeltd.gov).*

## COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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Application deadline: April 14. Contact staff by 4/1 to schedule a tour (required).

Details and application: <https://bit.ly/3YGLYVm>

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY ART SHARE

Greenbelt Community Center, Teen/Adults. FREE.

Sunday, April, 2-3pm.

Artists of any skill level are invited to share 1 to 3 pieces of their work (any medium).

Details and application: <https://bit.ly/3IUILEk>

## NON-PROFIT RECOVERY GRANT

The City of Greenbelt has begun accepting applications from eligible nonprofit organizations for a one time "recovery" grant made possible through the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Qualified nonprofits will be eligible to apply for grants up to \$25,000, as allowed by ARPA, to address negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding for this grant program is provided under the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Treasury. Under the U.S. Treasury guidelines, nonprofits eligible for assistance are those that experienced negative economic impacts or disproportionate impacts of the pandemic and meet the definition of "nonprofit" – specifically those that are 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax-exempt organizations.

To apply, visit <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/87940-City-Of-Greenbelt>

## GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT Application period has been extended until June 15!

The purpose of the Greenbelt Education Scholarship grant is to provide assistance for residents interested in furthering their education beyond high school. Scholarships can be used to assist with the cost of college, trade school, or other educational opportunities.

Qualified residents are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 over two years. For more information visit [greenbeltd.gov/scholarship](http://greenbeltd.gov/scholarship).

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 22, 10 AM - 1 PM

### DORA KENNEDY FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL

Be a part of the community effort to revitalize the Dora Kennedy French Immersion Schools front campus with a tree planting event. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to install native trees and provide general maintenance for the area.

Register by email at [kdriscoll@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltd.gov).

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING

To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:30 pm

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on **Monday, May 22, 2023**.

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged.

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The proposed budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltd.gov>. For more information, please call (301) 474-8000.

**Bonita Anderson, City Clerk**

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on **Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building**: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to consider a personnel matter over which this public body has jurisdiction regarding the candidates for the City Manager Position.

*\* The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, April 17, 2023.*

**Bonita Anderson, City Clerk**

## TREE CANOPY GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt is awarding a one-time, reimbursable grant to go directly towards the purchase of trees to assist homeowners and community organizations with the planting or replacement of trees caused by storm damage, disease or invasive insects. Funding for this grant will be provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and can be used to purchase, install, stake and mulch the area the tree or trees will be planted.

Applications are now open. To apply, visit [engagegreenbelt.org](http://engagegreenbelt.org) or visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/4a129f7cd3ba497750f3ced54a200b2a?r=use1>.

For questions on the grant, email [treetcanopy@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:treetcanopy@greenbeltd.gov).

Deadline to apply is no later than **June 1, 2023, at 4:30 pm**.

## GREENBELT MICRO GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt Micro Grant is a one-time, matching, reimbursable grant intended to be a resident-led initiative to build community and engage new people across neighborhoods. This is a one-time, reimbursable grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act to help communities move beyond the COVID pandemic and to broaden Greenbelt's connections to all its neighborhoods and residents. HOA'S, Condominium Associations, Apartment Complexes, GHI Co-op, and Community Coalitions registered as 501 (c) 3 are eligible to apply for one of three types of grants, 1) Community Event Grant, 2) Neighborhood Communication Grant, and 3) Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

To learn more about and apply for the grant opportunities, please visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/7575c04647a68ad4ff464c00401f684d?r=use1>

## FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

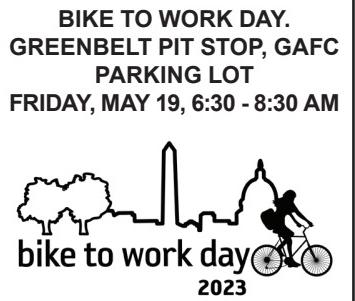
Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xIKZ50My327>

## ENGAGE GREENBELT

For all up-to-date ARPA program updates including mortgage assistance programs, scholarships, first-time homebuyer grant programs, small business assistance, and more visit [www.engagegreenbelt.org](http://www.engagegreenbelt.org).

## YOUTH CENTER GYM CLOSED APRIL 10-30

Recreation's Youth Center Gym will be closed due to floor resurfacing.



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## JOB FAIR Saturday, May 6, 12 - 2 PM Beltway Plaza

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## PRE-K STORY HOUR (BILINGUAL)

Friday, April 14, at 10:30 am

Springhill Lake Recreation

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## PINK PANTRY

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1 - 3 PM

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# Split on Importance of Rank, Board Touts Black Excellence

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

At the March meeting of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Board of Education, after a rancorous start (see Board of Education Bickers in the April 6 issue), board members debated the importance and limitations of the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), in which Prince George's County ranked poorly, particularly in math. (For more on the county's results in the state assessments see PGCPS Students' Declines in Math Called "Concerning" in the February 2 issue of the News Review.)

## Unique Demographics

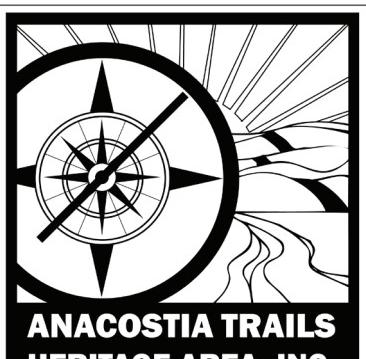
An administration team, led by Dr. Douglas Strader, emphasized the distinctive and unique demographics of Prince George's County within Maryland. According to Strader, 54 percent of the student population is Black or African American, 37 percent Hispanic or Latino and many of the students are English language learners. "One expects most children who are English language learners to enter school at kindergarten but 42 percent of Latinx high school students are receiving English language support in this school district," said Strader, "and a large portion of those students were new to the state within the last two years, rather than beginning in earlier grades. This is problematic for graduation rates." County schools did not meet most annual targets for graduation overall.

In addition, 60 percent of PGCPS students receive free and reduced lunches, noted Strader, pointing to the low economic status of so many of the county's students. Further, 10 percent are special education students. We are "very unique across the state," he told the board.

At the meeting the majority acknowledged the limitations of the statewide rankings, which failed to account for differences in the student population across districts. Presenters noted that PGCPS proficiency and graduation rates were on par with others in the state when controlled for factors such as race and economic status. Without taking such student demographics and differing needs into account, the MCAP couldn't accurately reflect the quality of PGCPS, it was well argued. Nonetheless, the results were taken by many as useful data to point to areas in need of improvement and areas of strength.

## Against Rankings

Curtis Valentine, one of the at-

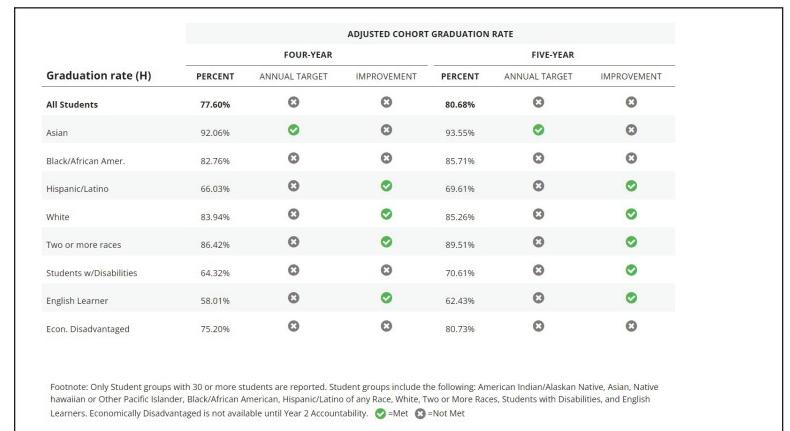


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The proficiency of PGCPS students in math and English Language Arts disaggregated by demographics



The graduation rate for PGCPS students disaggregated by demographic groups. You can generate these and similar charts at <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

large, appointed board members, was outspoken about the rankings' lack of significance, saying he'd rather not talk about them at all. "[T]his idea of where we rank in the state – I can't give a damn, I really can't," he said. He went on to emphasize the rankings of what he considered exceptional historically black universities and colleges (HBCUs). "The same parents who pull out of our system because our rankings aren't high are the same parents who are enrolling their kids in schools like Howard, Hampton, Morgan State, FAMU [Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University]. Howard University is ranked 89th in the country. Not one, not two, not three. Morehouse 124. FAMU 202. Hampton 219 and Morgan State 317. Where were the rankings then?" he asked. At one point he crumpled up a score on a piece of paper and threw it. "[We] know HBCUs educate us. We don't chase numbers when it comes to us," he said.

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## New Member Rewards Program To Begin at Greenbelt Co-op

by Joe Timer

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket's new register system will now allow the store to add a new member rewards program offering members-only savings each month. Rewards are a way to demonstrate to members that the Co-op appreciates them. The first reward is scheduled for mid-April.

Initial plans include trying different types of rewards every month to determine both member preferences and what is financially feasible for the Co-op.

The first member reward will be a 10 percent discount off one shopping trip of the member's choice during the week of April 12 through 18. These "e-coupons" will automatically be available for members to use during the reward period and cashiers (or the self-checkout) will ask shoppers at each transaction that week if they would like to use it. Dan Gillotte, Co-op's general manager, suggests, "Make your big list and go in and enjoy your reward! A little bit of fine print – this is a one-time discount. If you share your membership with another member, you need to work out who will use the

discount; Co-op can't be the arbitrator of who can or can't use the reward."

Discounts will not apply to stamps, gift cards, prescriptions or durable medical goods. Jill Stevenson, Co-op's marketing & membership coordinator, added, "The reward period is seven days long; Co-op can't give discounts outside of that period. Please don't put our staff in the position of having to deny you for missing the member rewards window from April 12 to April 18, 2023."

This new rewards program does mean that the Co-op will no longer offer the monthly 5 percent patron discount day on the last Wednesday of the month. Gillotte said, "Co-op membership is what makes us special and sets us apart from other corporate grocers. So, we're striving to focus on rewarding our Co-op members versus just random discount days that we've had in the past. Ultimately, we hope to increase total members with these great member rewards and grow the cooperative economy in Greenbelt."

*Joe Timer is director of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.*

## Greenbelt Chess Club Meets Monday at NDC

The Greenbelt Community Church's next drive for clothing and small household items will occur on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Prepare donations by placing clothing items in plastic bags and household items in boxes that one person can carry and books in separate boxes. Oversized items cannot be accepted. Donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church; the church uses the money to help fund local charities.

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native species for food and habitat.

In his March 15 letter, Moore said scientists have been seeing "disturbing trends" toward decreased abundance for seven commercial species, including blue crabs and striped bass, since 2012 when blue catfish were beginning to move into the state.

The governor acknowledged that scientists have not made "direct links" between decreased commercial species abundance and the presence of the invasive fish. But, he wrote, "We believe that it is critical to act now to mitigate the effects of the invasive species and to provide assistance to the commercial fishing industry."

The letter kicks off a formal review process by the U.S. Commerce Department. If the department were to declare a fisheries disaster, it could spur an influx of federal money to support a range of activities. That could include programs that help watermen transition from fishing for traditional native species to the nonnative, invasive ones; incentivizing seafood processors to purchase equipment to handle those species; and marketing efforts to promote sales of those fish.

"I believe that disaster assistance could put Maryland into a position where commercial fishing communities are both supported in the present and positioned for a future of invasive species harvest," Moore wrote.

The request is not unprecedented in the Bay region. The Commerce Department declared a fishing disaster in 2009 after a sharp decline in the blue crab population. That action resulted in millions of dollars going to Maryland and Virginia for programs that supported watermen and the blue crab fishery.

Allison Colden, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's senior fisheries scientist, praised Moore's request, calling it "a critical first step in addressing the significant problem of invasive catfish and snakeheads in Chesapeake Bay."

Blue catfish, the largest catfish species in North America, are native to the Mississippi River and Texas Gulf Coast. They can live more than two decades and

reach more than 100 pounds, making them a popular sportfish not only in their native range but for anglers and fishery managers looking to import new species.

They were introduced into Virginia's tidal tributaries in the 1970s to help build a recreational fishery, but their population growth and rapid expansion into most Bay tributaries over the last two decades have raised concern among many biologists about their impact on other species and river ecosystems.

Blue catfish can be significant predators, especially when they reach larger sizes. Some popular Bay species are among their prey, including the blue crab. Scientists have also expressed concern about their potential impact on striped bass and the endangered Atlantic sturgeon.

A diet study of blue catfish by Virginia Tech scientists in the James, Rappahannock and York rivers several years ago – which examined 16,110 blue catfish

stomachs – found the fish were omnivores, eating whatever is abundant in the river. All sorts of things turned up in their stomachs, even muskrats, snakes and birds. Overwhelmingly, they eat vegetation and invertebrates, but as they get larger, their diet turns toward other fish.

Recent work by Salisbury University scientists in Maryland have found that blueback herring, alewife and white perch, all species of concern to fishery managers, are common in the stomachs of blue catfish on the Nanticoke River.

A recent study by researchers from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science estimated that blue catfish eat about 2.3 million juvenile blue crabs a year in the lower James River.

*Karl Blankenship is editor-at-large of the Chesapeake Bay Journal. This article first appeared in the Chesapeake Bay Journal on March 23, 2023.*

Fried blue catfish – sourced from the Chesapeake – was a recent, popular special at the New Deal Café. It's also a regular item in the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket's expanded seafood section.

Co-op General Manager Dan Gillotte, who also oversees food at the Café, says they like to feature locally produced items, especially when it helps the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. Quoting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, he said, "The more we eat, the less they eat!" noting that the NOAA Fisheries website touts blue catfish as "invasive and delicious." "In other words," says Gillotte, "choosing these fish for your protein is one of the better ecological choices one can make."



Blue catfish for sale at the Greenbelt Co-op

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but it takes time, she said. "[T]hat's why our story telling and our narrative is so key. We can't wait for the state to tell it," said Goldson.

### Changing the Narrative

Shayla Adams-Stafford, board member for District 4, had suggestions for changing the narrative around PGCPSS. "We need to, as a school district, really position ourselves as national leaders in supporting students of color and the areas that we have that are excellent ... the work that we're doing like with our Latinx students in AP, that's something that every school district in America is trying to figure out," she said. "We should write our own white paper. We don't need to wait for someone to recognize us, we just need to step out as leaders in the areas of culturally responsive education at a time where again, nationally, people are shying away from the culturally responsive things that we are doing in our district."

"Rankings didn't matter when we applied [to HBCUs] because we knew when we went there they would see us for who we were: Black and excellence," exclaimed Valentine. "That's what Prince George's County produces. Black excellence."

### Why Rankings Matter

Board member Brandon Jackson, District 6, disagreed with Valentine about the importance of rankings. "[R]ankings are so important because when companies look to invest ... they look at a few variables, labor force, transportation, crime and education ... education is a huge component of where the commercial sector wants to invest," he argued, noting that these investments impact the tax base, which in turn drives revenue for education.

"I definitely love Black excellence," Jackson replied to Valentine, but "you got to understand this is the game we're in," he said. "[I]n theory everything you say is great, but we need to make sure our rankings reflect the students ... we gotta play the game that we're in," he argued. "How people view our education system is how they're going to invest into our community."

Jackson wanted to know if the county had appealed how the rankings are produced from a diversity, equity and inclusion standpoint. CEO Dr. Monica Goldson shared that they have but the same traditional reporting out remains, "no matter who sits at the helm." She believed there is "the opportunity for some progress" with the current superintendent,

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FY 2024 Budget

# City Manager Proposes Keeping Current Tax Rate for Next Year

by Diane Oberg

City Manager Timothy George's proposed fiscal year 2024 (FY24) budget calls for expenditures of \$35.9 million, an increase of 7.3 percent over the current year's budgeted expenditures of \$33.4 million. This will be funded by current year revenues of \$34.3 million in estimated FY24 revenues plus a transfer of \$1.6 million from the city's Capital Reserve Fund, part of its undesignated fund balance. Estimated total revenues, including the fund transfer, are up 7.6 percent over the adopted budget for the current year. (See table for distribution of expenditures by budget accounts.)

George presented his proposed budget at the March 27 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. This kicks off a series of work-sessions in which council will review each of the budget sections prior to adopting the budget on June 5. He is not proposing any change to the city's property tax rate, although property tax revenues will increase due to assessment changes. George noted that property tax assessments are up across the board.

Refuse and recycling fees would not change under the proposed budget but fees for Recreation Department programs and camps would increase. Recreation revenues from classes and camps, which were sharply reduced by the pandemic, are returning to pre-Covid levels, George said.

**Compensation**

The budget funds a possible \$2,000 raise for council members who will be elected in November from the current \$10,000 per year to \$12,000 for all save the mayor, who would get \$14,000 per year (up from \$12,000). Council last voted to increase its pay in 2007. It is unusual for the city manager to suggest a pay raise for council (his bosses), but Mayor Emmett Jordan has suggested council pay be increased at several recent meetings.

The budget allocates roughly \$1.3 million for changes to staff salaries stemming from the classification and compensation study. If approved, all staff (save sworn officers) would receive an increase to the market level in the study if their pay is below that level plus a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment. He is also proposing a decompression adjustment so that staffers would receive an additional increase of 0.5 percent for each year of service up to 10 years.

Account	Proposed Expenditures (\$ Million)	% of General Fund
Gen, Govt	4.88	13.6%
Planning & Dev	1.41	3.9%
Public Safety	11.41	31.9%
Public Works	4.57	12.8%
CARES	1.71	4.8%
Rec & Parks	7.66	21.4%
Misc.	0.28	0.8%
Non-Depar.	1.26	3.5%
Fund Transfer	2.63	7.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.82</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

TABLE BY DIANE OBERG

Overall staffing levels, even at the department level, would remain unchanged from current authorizations, although slightly higher than in the adopted budget for FY23. The changes include an assistant director for community development, a human resources specialist, crisis intervention counselors and a community inspector.

The proposed budget also provides for installing electric vehicle infrastructure for city vehicles, particularly police and Public Works vehicles. This will not be a one-year effort. Other new projects proposed for funding are a diversity, equity and inclusion baseline assessment; an update of the city charter and city code; funding for the Reparations Commission's fact-finding activities; amenities for Greenbelt Station; and a return to full pre-pandemic operations and revenues.

**Focus**

George identified several Areas of Focus including implementing the classification and compensation changes, continuing with the implementation of the new finance software and continuing safety and security improvements. The city will also be mindful of several projects outside of its control, including supporting the possible move of the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters to the Greenbelt Metro Station and continuing to oppose the construction of the maglev train.

The city will also continue its efforts to acquire the Greenbelt Armory property from the state. The Beltway Plaza redevelopment project will also affect the city and its budget.

**Priorities**

In addition to managing the projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, which are ac-

counted for separately from the city's budget, key goals for this fiscal year (and beyond) include retention and recruitment of staff; business retention, expansion and attraction; and improvements for city fields and facilities.

**Staffing**

On the personnel front, George had good news. For the first time in 10 years, the police department is fully staffed with both officers and dispatchers. Other departments have also restocked as the city onboarded 43 new employees, including a diversity, equity and inclusion officer; a grants coordinator; and an economic development manager. City staff has expanded significantly over the past few years from an authorization of 220.4 full-time equivalents (FTE) in FY13 to 245 today.

The city has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for an architect to examine options for expanding or rebuilding the Municipal Building, following up on the findings of the recently completed space study. George expects to have a recommended company by mid-summer.

**Award**

Once again the city received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY22 budget from the Government Finance Association. The city has consistently received this award for decades, recognizing its ability to present the budget clearly, accessibly, readably and understandably and account for the city's goals and how those have been or are to be accomplished.

Those wishing to read the details of the budget may do so on the city's website at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov). Hover over Government, then scroll down to and select City Budget, under City Council.

## David Craig Scholarship Applications Due April 30

For the 37th year, the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) is awarding a scholarship to a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The \$12,000 scholarship (paid out over four years) honors Craig and celebrates the Craig Family's legacy for continuing education. Applications for members of the ERHS class of 2023 can be requested by texting or calling 301-474-7874 or by emailing [dahammer61@yahoo.com](mailto:dahammer61@yahoo.com).

Completed applications must be received electronically or be date stamped by mail to P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768 on or before Sunday, April 30. Donations can be sent to the same address. The DCMSF is a privately funded nonprofit organization registered with the state of Maryland and all gifts, contributions and donations are tax deductible.

The Fund was initiated in 1986 following the sudden, tragic death of David R.S. Craig on March 7, 1984. Craig was a

graduate of the ERHS class of 1979 and Frostburg State College class of 1983. His family and the Greenbelt community came together to pay tribute to his years of service to his church, his school, his community and his friends. A popular student who worked for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, attended Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and participated in numerous sports for Greenbelt and ERHS, he was loved and respected by his classmates, co-workers and friends. The scholarship award has grown from a \$1,000 award in 1987 to the present \$12,000. Information about applying can be obtained at the school's guidance and administrative offices as well as via the Scholarship phone and email contacts. The motto of "Raiders Helping Raiders" (most donors are alumni) and its mantra "well rounded, well rewarded!" are why DCMSF continues this mission of providing financial assistance for educational purposes.

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district to make that understood in the public domain," he said. "The uniqueness of our school district at a time in this country that is running away from the issues that we are tackling puts us in a very unique position as a school district.... We're well aware of the problems before us," he further noted. "They are not problems that are unique to Prince George's County Public Schools and so I think we have to turn the corner and you know this is where the blueprint intersects with our outcomes," referencing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2021. The Blueprint is designed to improve the quality of education in the state, particularly for those historically underserved, and will increase education funding by \$3.8 billion each year over

the next 10 years. "We are on the cusp of a major education reform initiative in this state that will take us over a decade to achieve but we have the resources now that we can address a lot of the issues that we see coming up in this report card," Fields asserted.

"So for the public that is watching this meeting tonight, rest assured, I think that this district is focused, that we understand the problems in front of it. We're not ignoring the problems, we're well aware of the problems and I think we have a board that's committed to addressing these issues and I really appreciate my colleagues tonight for the intensity of this discussion and for the focus on this discussion, so when we hear the public say focus on our children that is precisely what we are doing in this moment," said Fields.



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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred April 3 to 9. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number at 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltdmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

## Assault

On April 9 at around 2:24 p.m., officers went to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road where a man and a woman were stealing from a business. As officers spoke to the man, he threw a beverage on the officer and was arrested. He also had an open warrant for failure to appear. The woman pepper-sprayed an employee when he confronted her for trying to steal merchandise. The employee did not want to press charges, so the woman was banned from the property and sent on her way.

## Attempted Robbery

On April 9, officers responded to the 7900 block of Mandan Road for a reported assault that occurred the previous night. The victim said that on April 8 at around 9:15 p.m., she parked her car in the parking lot and began walking toward her door. She noticed a man wearing all black watching her, and when she reached the steps of her building she heard running behind her. As she turned around, the man pushed her down and tried to take her purse. She screamed and kicked and the man ran away. The victim sustained minor injuries.

## Disorderly

On April 9 at 7:12 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, officers responded to an uncooperative caller who wanted to meet with first responders after hearing strange noises, determined to be a neighboring unit's air conditioner. Officers spoke to her and left. A second 911 call was then received from the same woman for a gas leak. When officers arrived, the fire alarm had been deliberately pulled, but there was no sign of a gas leak or a fire. A witness saw the woman pull the alarm, and when officers attempted to speak to her, she would not identify herself. She was arrested and later identified. The 33-year-old woman was charged with

disorderly conduct and released with a criminal citation.

## DUI Arrests

April 5 at 7:22 p.m. near Keenworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road; April 7 at 1:15 a.m. near Hanover Parkway and Spring Manor Drive; April 4 at 10:56 p.m. near 400 Ridge Road; and April 7 at 11:33 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road.

## Fraud

Several different types of fraud occurred this week, including wire fraud April 3 near 8100 Miner Street; identity theft April 3 near 8200 Mandan Court; and check fraud April 6 near Hamilton Place. Wire fraud schemes also included an Amazon employee being impersonated April 5 near Parkway, and an arrest scheme on April 6 near 8100 Lakecrest Drive.

## Road Rage

On April 8 at 2:09 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a driver pointed a firearm at the victim after the victim honked at him.

## Robbery

On April 7 at approximately 4:09 p.m., officers responded to 99 Centerway, where a victim was selling a pair of shoes over the OfferUp app. Three teenaged boys arrived to buy the shoes and handed over money, which the victim noticed was counterfeit. The victim confronted the boy holding the shoes, an argument ensued, and the boy struck the victim and ran away with the two other teenagers. Officers located two of the teenagers, both 17-year-olds, and arrested them. One boy was charged with robbery and second-degree assault; the other was charged with robbery.

On April 8 at approximately 1:20 p.m., officers responded to a convenience store in the 7900 block of Good Luck Road, where an employee reported a heavy-set Black man, wearing a black T-shirt, black mask and a black backpack, entered the

store, walked behind the counter and loudly repeated "give me the money." The employee ran away from the man, and then he reached into her purse and stole cash. Officers checked the area but did not locate the man.

## Theft

On April 4 near 6200 Springhill Drive, money orders were stolen. On April 4 near 100 Westway, a package was stolen. On April 4 at 5:22 p.m. near Laurel Hill Road, a black Trek 4900 bicycle was stolen. On April 7 at 3:10 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a purse was stolen from a shopping cart. Shoplifting occurred April 3 at 6:01 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road; April 6 at 11:27 a.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road and at 3:57 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road; April 7 at 2:15 p.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road; and April 8 at 8:46 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road.

## Trespassing Complaint

On April 9 at 2:53 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, officers assisted with clearing an empty unit.

## Vandalism

On April 8 at 9:27 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a brick was thrown through a residence window.

## Vehicle Crimes

### Attempted Auto Theft

On April 4 near 8100 Burkart Court, a 2016 Hyundai Sonata had a window broken, and ignition, key lock cylinder and column plastic damaged. On April 5 near 7300 Sunrise Court, a 2020 Toyota Camry had a window broken and steering column damaged. On April 6 near Gardenway, a Honda Accord had a window broken and the ignition damaged. On April 9 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a 2017 Kia Soul had a window broken and the ignition damaged. On April 3 near 6300 Ivy Lane, a 2013

Hyundai Sonata was found with a broken window and damaged ignition column and impounded.

## Attempted Vehicle Burglary

On April 6 at 9:14 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a 37-year-old man was arrested after he attempted to break into a work van. He was charged with possession of burglars' tools with the intent to break into a motor vehicle.

## Stolen Vehicles

Three cars were stolen: a white 2002 Lexus ES 300 (no tag) on April 3 near Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway; a red 2020 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 6FC5073) on April 6 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace; and a black 2018 Hyundai Tucson (Md. plate 8DP3689) on April 6 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace.

## Stolen Vehicles Found

On April 5 near 100 Westway, a stolen car was found. On April 5 a 2012 Hyundai Elantra reported stolen near 7800 Jacobs Drive was found in D.C.

## Theft From Auto

On April 3 near 7200 Hanover Drive, a steering wheel airbag was stolen from a Honda Civic. On April 4 near 100 Westway,

power tools were stolen from a work truck after a lock was cut. On April 4 near 8100 Burkart Court, the catalytic converter was stolen from a 2008 Honda TK. On April 6 near 7500 Hanover Parkway, a window was broken and property stolen. On April 8 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, the month sticker was stolen from a license plate.

## Vandalism to Autos

On April 3 near 6500 Lake Park Drive, seven cars had broken front passenger windows, nothing taken. On April 3 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a windshield was smashed by a rock, but nothing taken. On April 4 at 2:11 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a dispute between drivers ended with damage to one car's side mirror. On April 8 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, two front tires were slashed on a 2018 Jeep Wrangler. On April 8 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a window was broken but nothing taken. On April 9 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a person known to the victim vandalized the victim's car.

## Golden Age Club

Meetings are held at the Community Center, Room 201, every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

The club's Anniversary Luncheon and April birthday celebration will be at noon on April 19 at the Holiday Inn in College Park (for members who have already registered and paid). There will be no meeting in the Community Center on that day.

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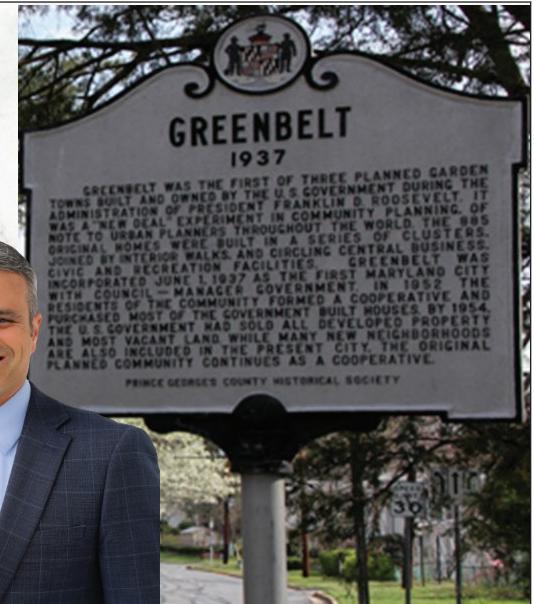
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leader.

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After graduating in 2021, Kaloustian enrolled at Johns Hopkins University for graduate work. Returning home gave her the chance to help coach at her alma mater; as a high school student, she never believed she would return to coach. Now she is completing a master's of health science in epidemiology with a certificate in health disparities and health inequality, while making time for her soccer exploits, including two games in South Korea, on April 7 and April 11. Kaloustian's trimester began at the end of March. She is balancing online coursework while



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**Kaloustian, right, stands on the sidelines with Claudia van der Have at a Roosevelt game this past fall.**

training in Korea. Prior to her national team efforts, Kaloustian spent several weeks with a Zambian professional team.

On the field as a player, on the sideline as a coach or in the classroom as a student, Inonge Kaloustian is an adamant leader, an enthusiastic activist and a proud Prince Georgian. Whether sporting Roosevelt blue, Zambian green or professional attire for her many pursuits, Kaloustian does so with all of her heart.

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